



Harvard Model Congress

Boston 2024

House of Representatives Homeland Security Committee

Dear House Homeland Security Delegates,

Our names are Althea, Quinn, Austen, Lara, and Adi, and we are your chairs for Harvard Model Congress Boston!

Hi! My name is Althea and I'm a sophomore studying Government and East Asian Studies. I'm originally from Singapore and grew up in Jakarta, Indonesia. During my free time, I enjoy traveling, watching TV comedies, and experimenting with film photography. This will be my fourth conference with HMC and I look forward to meeting you all!

Hello! My name is Quinn and I am a junior at the College in Mather House studying mathematics. I am from San Luis Obispo, California, and enjoy running, cycling, other mountain sports, playing guitar, and doing math problems. At school, I do little other than my previously stated interests and HMC. This will be my 10th time attending Harvard Model Congress, and I look forward to meeting you all.

Hi everyone! My name is Austen and I am a first-year student studying Government and Economics. I was raised in Virginia and Alabama, but I now reside in the Atlanta metro area. This is my first year in Harvard Model Congress, but I am also involved with Harvard Undergraduates for Bipartisan Solutions and the Institute of Politics. Outside of campus, I work on federal tech advocacy for Encode Justice, a youth-led coalition mobilizing for human centered technology. In my free time, I love exploring coffee shops, trying new cuisines, and going to concerts. I can't wait to meet all of you in committee.

Hi! My name is Lara and I'm a first-year at the College. I'm pursuing a dual concentration in Government and Art, Film, and Visual Studies with a secondary in Theater, Dance, and Media. I'm a born and bred New Yorker who hails from the Upper West Side of Manhattan (the best side!). Outside of HMC, I'm a member of The Immediate Gratifications Improv Comedy Troupe, a multimedia staffer for The Crimson, and a researcher for the Harvard Undergraduate Think Tank. I look forward to meeting all of you!

Hi! My name is Adi and I'm a first year in Wigglesworth interested in Math/Applied Math and Physics. I'm from Bedminster, New Jersey and I loved Harvard Model Congress in high school. I enjoy playing chess and other strategy games/puzzles, fencing, watching soccer/F1/cricket/UFC, and working on math/phys. I can usually be found around campus playing spikeball or sleeping. Looking forward to meeting everyone!

The House Homeland Security Committee holds a vital role in overseeing a wide range of crucial policy areas, including transportation and maritime security, emergency preparedness, border security, cybersecurity, infrastructure protection, intelligence, and counterterrorism efforts. This committee's oversight and policy-making ensures the promotion of national security and preparedness.



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Our first briefing will discuss security threats from the Chinese Communist Party (CCP). You will debate about the potential reforms for responding to military surveillance, Internet technology, and cyber intrusions related to Chinese espionage. Other than security threats, you should consider the volatility of the US-China relationship and multilateral trade networks when drafting solutions.

Our second briefing deals with the impending threat of biological weapons. We will discuss the rise of new biological and gene editing technologies and the potential risks they pose to national security. This issue has many layers, and biological weapons can pose a significant danger no matter who possesses them. We will draft bills on a number of solutions related to preparation for and prevention of biological attacks.

We hope that you come away from HMC Boston feeling that you were intellectually challenged and fulfilled; we also want you to have an absolute blast! If you have any questions beforehand, please feel free to reach out to us and introduce yourself.

Enthusiastically,
Althea, Quinn, Austen, Lara, and Aditya